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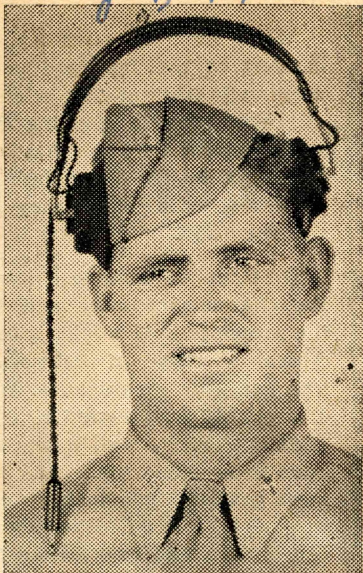
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First Lieutenant Don Whitehurst who has been reported killed in an airplane crash in Europe. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Eber Whitehurst of Newton.

DON WHITEHURST KILLED IN PLANE CRASH IN EUROPE

Local Pilot Was Son Of Mr. And Mrs. Eber Whitehurst

Mr. and Mrs. Eber Whitehurst, residing northwest of Newton, have received word that their son, First Lieutenant Don Whitehurst had been killed when his plane crashed while transporting troops between Germany and England.

The message was received Monday by the parents from Lt. Whitehurst's wife who is residing in Boston. She had been notified of the tragedy last Thursday and had taken it for granted that the war department had also notified his parents. When she failed to hear from them after she thought they had had time to receive the message, she called them by long distance telephone Monday and this was the first they had heard of their son's death.

Memorial services for Lt. Whitehurst will be held at the Fairview church Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, with Rev. Inez Galbreath and Rev. Alvin O. Jacobs officiating. Taking part in the services will be members of Jasper Post No. 20, American Legion, under Commander Irl Field.

Lt. Whitehurst has been overseas since last December. Before the surrender of Germany he was pilot of a P-47 Thunderbolt fighter. Since peace was declared he had been piloting a B-26 transport plane in the carrying of troops out of Germany.

He was married to Miss Mae Elizabeth Allen, of Boston, Mass., in December 1942. They had one son, David Neal, now a year old.

Besides his wife, son and parents, he is survived by the following brothers and sisters: Sgt. Ruby Whitehurst, with the WAVES at Camp Breckenridge, Ky.; Corporal Glen Whitehurst in France; Private Homer James Whitehurst, serving on Luzon; Mrs. Vernon Kyle, Roxanna, Ill.; Mrs. Bill Henderson, Champaign, and Billy Lee, at home.

Lt. Whitehurst had been in the service since 1942. He first served in the infantry then trained as a commando and later was transferred to the air force where he received pilot instructions. A year before being sent overseas, he was detailed as an instructor at an airfield near Blytheville, Ark.

He graduated from Newton Community High School with the class of 1939 and had spent a year in college at Normal, Ill., before entering the service.
